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In Re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/685,698)
Filed: October 10, 2000)
Art Unit: 2813)
Examiner: Laura Mary Menz)
Confirmation No: 3944)
For: EL DISPLAY DEVICE AND A METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

ENTRY AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), this IDS shall be considered by the Patent Office as it is being filed before payment of the issue fee and is 1) accompanied by the following statement under §1.97(e), and 2) the fee set forth in §1.17(p):

Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Japanese and Chinese references submitted herein, were cited by the Chinese Patent Office in an Office Action mailed October 10, 2008, in counterpart Chinese application no. CN 200610081922.5, which shares the same Japanese priority application as the present application. The US and EP references submitted herein are the family members of the Chinese reference, and are being included for the Examiner's benefit.

The family of CN 1212114 A cited herein includes:

EP Patent No. 1 211 916 A1 *
EP Patent No. 1 376 716 A2 *
EP Patent No. 1 376 717 A2 *
US Patent No. 6,821,553 B2 *
US Patent No. 6,833,156 B2 *
US Patent No. 6,838,192 B2 *
US Patent No. 6,863,961 B2 *
US Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0136823 A1 *
US Patent Application Publication No. US 2005/0042477 A1 *
EP Patent No. 0 880 303 **
WO Patent No. 98/24271 **

* (Not cited in 10/10/2008 CN Office Action)

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FEE

In accordance with \$1.17(p), Applicants are submitting the required fee. If any further fee is necessary for this IDS, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

CONCLUSION

As the provisions of 37 CFR \$1.97(d) have been met, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner now enter and consider this IDS.

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